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FOR THE YEAR 1943.

T. C. GARRETT, M.B., C.M.

Including

THE REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1943.

Public Health Department,
"Park House",
Park Street,
Worksop.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors
of the Borough of Worksop.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the District, for the year 1943.

The Report has been compiled in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health - a brief outline of the work carried out by our Health Services in the year, with the usual records of the Vital Statistics of the area, and the Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

T. C. GARRETT.

Medical Officer of Health.

17th August, 1944.

R E P O R T.

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1943.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in Acres:	17,935
Population at Census 1931:	26,286
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1943:	7,460
Rateable value:	£161,768
Sum represented by a penny rate:	£631. 7. 6d.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS (live)

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate:	288	233	521.
Illegitimate:	20	17	37.
			558.

Birth rate per 1,000 of estimated population: 19.7
Birth rate per 1,000 England and Wales: 16.5

STILLBIRTHS

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate:	4	11	15.
Illegitimate:	-	2	2.
			17.

Rate per 1,000 total births: 30.6
Rate per 1,000 estimated population: 0.6
Rate per 1,000 England and Wales: 0.5

DEATHS (Resident)

Males.	Females.	Total.
149	144	293.

Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population: 10.3

These include the deaths of 20 residents which occured outside the Borough. The deaths of 87 non-residents were registered in the Borough in the year, and transferred to their own districts.

INFANT DEATHS (Under one year)

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate:	20	10	30.
Illegitimate:	2	-	2.
			32.

Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 live births: 57.

MATERNAL DEATHS:

From: Puerperal and Post abortive Sepsis	1.
Other Maternal causes:	4.

Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) births: 8.6

The health of the district was maintained in a satisfactory condition, as compared with pre-war years, in spite of prevailing difficulties in respect of food supply, housing accommodation, and the unusual industrial strain imposed upon the adult section of the population. There was no special cause of sickness throughout the year specially worthy of note.

The number of deaths of residents in the year was 293, and the death rate calculated on the Registrar General's estimate of population was 10.5

Infant deaths numbered 32 - 4 less than the previous year. The death rate per 1,000 births was 57.

Since 1939, this rate has slightly increased above our record rate in pre-war years. Since 1940 when the rate was 80 per 1,000 births, there has been a gradual decline to the present figure.

The heath services in this department (Maternity and Child Welfare) have been well maintained, and show a healthy expansion, indeed, both of these services have already over-reached our Clinic accommodation, and the capacity of our present Staff, a matter which will call for early improvement as soon as conditions permit.

The general health and cleanliness of the children aged 1 - 5 years attending the Clinics is excellent, very few cases of malnutrition were seen, and little evidence of deficiency diseases.

Immunisation has been carried out throughout the year. Special efforts were made to secure the treatment of children in the age group 1 - 5 years, at the end of the year the estimated percentage of this age group who had received treatment was 70%, as compared with 58% at the end of 1942.

Good work has been carried out at our Clinic for the cleansing and treatment of children suffering from Scabies, Impetigo and Verminous conditions. Excellent premises are available for the work.

A Day Nursery School, with accommodation for 25 children is provided for the care of young children (2 - 5 years) whose Mothers are engaged in war work, arrangements are well advanced to provide larger and more convenient premises, which will accommodate 50 children.

The most pressing need for the welfare and comfort of the population is the provision of new houses, to relieve the present overcrowded condition.

Causes of Death - Worksop Borough - 1943.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebro Spinal Fever..	1	-	1.
Diphtheria..	-	3	3.
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	5	4	9.
Other forms of Tuberculosis	2	2	4.
Syphilitic Diseases	1	-	1.
Influenza..	1	6	7.
Measles..	1	-	1.
Cancer of Mouth and Œsophagus	1	3	4.
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	4	4	8.
Cancer of Breast..	-	4	4.
Cancer of all other sites..	9	10	19.
Diabetes..	1	1	2.
Intra-cranial Vascular lesions	11	12	23.
Heart Disease	31	34	65.
Other diseases of Circulatory System	4	4	8.
Bronchitis	8	4	12.
Pneumonia..	20	7	27.
Other respiratory diseases	4	2	6.
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	1	3.
Diarrhoea under 2 years.	2	2	4.
Appendicitis	-	1	1.
Other digestive diseases	2	4	6.
Nephritis	4	5	9.
Puerperal & Post-abortive Sepsis	-	1	1.
Other Maternal causes	-	4	4.
Premature Birth	2	5	7.
Congenital Malformations, birth injury etc.	8	1	9.
Suicide	1	-	1.
Road Traffic Accidents.	3	1	4.
Other violent causes	6	5	11.
All other causes	15	14	29.
	149.	144.	293.

Causes of death - Children under one year - Worksop Borough - 1943.

		Deaths in Hospital
Pneumonia	10.	7.
Prematurity	8.	-.
Congenital defects	3.	3.
Injury & accidents at birth	2.	-.
Jaundice	2.	1.
Convulsions	1.	-.
Peritonitis	1.	1.
Tubercular Meningitis	1.	1.
Gastro Enteritis.	4.	3.
	32.	16.

WORKSOP BOROUGH.

Comparative Statistics 1939 - 1943.

BIRTHS:

	Total.	Rate per 1.000 Pop.	Illegitimate births.	Stillbirths.
1939.	539.	18.3	24	31.
1940.	594.	17.0	21	26.
1941.	497.	16.9	16	31.
1942.	569.	19.6	33	21.
1943.	558.	19.7	37	17.

DEATHS:

	Total.	Rate per 1.000 Pop.	Infant deaths.	Rate per 1,00 births.
1939.	321.	11.0	29.	53.
1940.	374.	13.0	41.	80.
1941.	281.	9.5	34.	68.
1942.	305.	10.5	36.	64.
1943.	293.	10.3	32.	57.

Vital Statistics - 1943 - Comparative Rates.

	Annual rate per 1,000 of Pop.			Death rates per 1,000 live births		Notifications-rates per 1,000 Pop.			
	Live Births.	Still Births.	Deaths all causes.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 yrs.	Deaths under one year.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.
England and Wales.	16.5	0.5	12.1	5.3	49.	3.01	0.88	9.8	2.54
126 C.B. and Great Towns inc. London.	18.6	0.63	14.2	7.9	58.	3.29	1.12	9.23	2.82
148 Smaller Towns - Pop. 25,000-50,000	19.4	0.61	12.7	4.4	46.	3.54	0.77	9.77	2.25
London Adm. County	15.8	0.45	15.0	10.4	58.	3.80	0.74	9.17	2.68
Worksop.	19.7	0.6	10.3	7.2	57.	3.1	0.14	8.7	3.1

HEALTH SERVICES, CLINICS, ETC.

Maternity and Child Welfare:

Notification of births - Live births 566. Stillbirths 17. Total 583.

Health Visitors - employed full-time: 2.

Visits paid by Health Visitors in the year:-
To expectant mothers - First visits 327. Total visits 526.
To children under 1 yr. - First visits 584. Total visits 3,707.
To children between ages of 1 and 5 years . Total visits 5,206.

Infant Welfare Centre:

Clinics held weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays 2 - 4 p.m.
Number of children under 5 years who first attended the Centre during the year:-
Under 1 year of age 448. Over 1 year of age 574.
Total number of children who attended the centre during the year:-
Under 1 year of age 948. Over 1 year of age 1,624.

Ante-Natal Clinic:

Sessions held weekly on Thursday 2 - 4 p.m.
Total number of women who attended the clinic during the year 402.
Proprietary preparations - dried milk, vitamins etc. are supplied to expectant and nursing mothers and children under 5 years of age.

Orthopaedic Clinic: (Children under 5 years)

Children with minor defects are referred to the clinic of the Worksop and District Cripples Guild.
The Surgeon attends one day in each month, and Nurses on two days weekly to adjust fixtures and for massage.
Number of cases referred to the clinic in the year:- 19.
Number of old cases attending for treatment:- 17.
Cases requiring Hospital treatment are admitted, by arrangement, to Harlow Wood Hospital. Mantenance charges are paid by the Council.
Number of cases admitted to Hospital in the year:- 4.

Provision of Maternity Beds:

Under agreement with the County Council, Maternity cases are admitted to the County General Hospital, on recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health. Emergency cases are admitted on the request of local Practitioners.
87 Cases were admitted in the year.

Maternity Outfits are provided by the Council at cost price, and provided free in necessitous cases.
Number supplied in the year: - 28.

Home Helps were provided for 7 cases, but it is becoming very difficult to secure the services of suitable women willing to undertake the work.

Dental treatment was provided for 5 expectant mothers, and artificial dentures supplied.

SCABIES ORDER:

Scabies was very prevalent throughout the year, chiefly amongst the schoolchildren, and children under school age.

Cases were notified from 276 families, and on investigation, 492 individuals were found to be infected in these families, including in many cases, both parents.

Treatment is given at our clinic by a trained Ambulance Officer, who also visits the infected homes, and gives advice for the disinfection of clothing and bedding, and for improving home conditions.

Excellent premises for treatment are available in the County Council School Clinic, with the kind permission of the County Medical Officer.

IMMUNISATION:

Immunisation was continued throughout the year. Special efforts were maintained to secure Immunisation of children under 5 years of age, and entrants to Elementary Schools.

With the co-operation of County School Teachers, and by personal appeal made by Health Visitors in homes and Clinics, and the distribution of literature, the necessity for Immunisation of all young children, before entering upon school life, has been impressed upon parents.

	Under 5 yrs.	5 - 15 yrs.	Total
The number of children who completed the full course of Immunisation in the area between January 1st and December 31st, 1943	934.	462.	1,396.
Percentage of child population who it is considered were Immunised at Dec. 31st 1943	70%	94.6%	

Immunisation - Private Practitioners Scheme:

In order to secure more complete Immunisation of young children the Ministry of Health, in Circular 2734, advises Local Authorities to enlist the services of Local Practitioners, in their capacity as family Doctors.

Prophylactic agent is provided free by the Council, and Practitioners are paid a fee agreed upon by the Ministry of Health and the British Medical Association, for each child Immunised. This scheme was adopted by the Council, and operates in the district.

PROVISION OF INSULIN:

A Circular issued this year by the Ministry of Health empowers Local Authorities to make arrangements for a free supply of Insulin for the use of Practitioners in the treatment of certain classes of persons. The Insulin is obtained, as usual, on the prescription of the Doctor, from the local Chemists, and the cost is paid by the Council, at the prescribed rates.

Considerable use has been made of this service.

VENEREAL DISEASE:

A new Clinic for the treatment of Venereal Diseases was opened by the County Council in December, at the Clinic, Watson Road.

The Medical Officer attends weekly on Wednesdays
Sessions for Females: 10 - 11 a.m.
Males: 11.15 - 12.15.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES CONTROL:

Infectious diseases amongst children showed a considerable increase over recent previous years. An epidemic of Scarlet Fever began in August, and continued to the end of the year.
89 cases were notified.

92 Cases of Whooping Cough, and 226 cases of Measles were notified. Fortunately the type was mild, and the only death was one from Measles.

4 Cases of Diphtheria occured in 3 families in the first week of January. The disease was of a very severe type, and there were 3 deaths. None of these children had been Immunised. These were the only cases of Diphtheria notified throughout the year.

Hospital accommodation for cases of notifiable infectious diseases is provided in the Hospital of the North Nottinghamshire Joint Hospital Board, at North Carlton.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1943.

(Other than Tuberculosis)

	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever..	89.	89.	-
Diphtheria ..	4.	4.	3.
Puerperal Pyrexia	11.	10.	-
Pneumonia ..	43.		27.
Whooping Cough.	92.	-	-
Measles ..	226.	-	1.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	6.		-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	3.	3.	-
	474.	106.	31.

NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS - 1943.

Pulmonary -	Males: 10.	Females: 14.	Total: 24.
Non-Pulmonary -	Males: 4.	Females: 5.	Total: 9.

Number of cases on Register at end of year:

Pulmonary -	Males: 90.	Females: 69.	Total: 159.
Non-Pulmonary -	Males: 36.	Females: 39.	Total: 75.

Cases removed from Register in year:

Pulmonary -	Males: 10.	Females: 13.	Total: 23.
Non-Pulmonary -	Males: 7.	Females: 11.	Total: 18.

TUBERCULOSIS - 1943.

NEW CASES AND DEATHS.

	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
5...	1	-	3	2	-	-	-	-
15...	2	7	-	2	1	-	-	1
25...	3	5	1	-	-	1	-	-
35...	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
45...	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
55...	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	10.	14.	4.	5.	5.	3.	1.	2.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Notifications and Deaths - 1939 to 1943.

	Notifications.	Deaths.
1939...	35.	22.
1940...	25.	22.
1941...	33.	16.
1942...	37.	21.
1943...	33.	11.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA:

The Sewerage system and Town Water Supply continued to function as in previous years.

No extensions or improvements have been made. Both services are under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor.

The supply of water from the Council's waterworks continues to be ample in quantity for all requirements in the area of the piped supply, which now includes 98.8% of the inhabited houses in the district. The remaining houses are supplied from private waterworks or deep wells.

Chemical Analysis and Bacteriological Report of a recent sample of water from the Corporation supply:-

COPY - Certificate of analysis of a sample of water from the Borough of Worksop water supply.

1. Chemical Characters:	Parts per 100,000
Total solids dried at 100°C.	59.5
Loss on ignition (After re-carbonating)	18.0
Chlorine in Chlorides	5.40
" x 1.647 - Sodium Chlorides	8.89
Nitrites.	Nil.
Nitrogen as Nitrates	1.66
Saline Ammonia	Trace.
Albuminoid Ammonia.	0.0064
Oxygen absorbed in 3 hrs at 37°C.	0.017
Hardness - Total (soap test)	43.0
" - Temporary	11.0
" - Permanent	32.0
Poisonous Metals	Nil.
Test for Phenols	Negative.

Remarks:

From a consideration of the above data no exception can be taken to the use of this water for domestic purposes.

2. Bacteriological Test:-

Quantitative enumeration of Bacteria.

On Agar plates kept for 2 days at 37°C. 1 colony per ml. developed.
On Agar plates kept for 4 days at 20°-22°C. 25 colonies per ml. developed.

Examination for Special Bacteria.

Coliform bacilli.....	Absent in 100 ml.
Streptococci.....	Absent in 100 ml.
B. Enteritidis Sporogenes.	Absent in 100 ml.

Result of Examination:- From a consideration of the data, no exception can be taken to the use of this water for domestic purposes, upon bacteriological grounds.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE SALE OF FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938:-

Regulations are administered by the Nottinghamshire County Council. Mr. E. Templeman, Chief Inspector, has sent me an Extract from the Report of the Public Analyst upon articles analysed by the Inspectors, taken in the Worksop Borough during 1943. From this Report I give the following particulars:-

60 Samples of Foods and Drugs were analysed, of which all were genuine.

19 Samples of milk, of which all were correct.

MILK (Special designations) ORDERS, 1936 - 1938.

Number of samples taken:-

Accredited: 27. Complied 20.
Failed to comply: 7.

Informal Samples of Milk tested by the Inspectors by "Gerber" Tester:-

305 Samples. Correct: 298.
Incorrect: 7.

The usual inspections of the district have been carried out, so far as the depleted Staff was able to cover the ground.

Details of this work will be found in the Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

BOROUGH OF WORKSOP.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Worksop.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1943. The portion on the Public Cleansing and Salvage Services is for the financial year ended 31st March, 1944.

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the courtesy and consideration accorded me by you, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen, and to all Officials of the Council and others, who have given me valuable assistance during the year, my grateful thanks are due.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

T. H. HILLAR.

Chief Sanitary Inspector
and Salvage Officer.

Summary of Work carried out.

Total inspections or visits made	5,653.
Number of re-inspections and visits made.. ..	534.
Number of informal notices served	295.
Number of letters sent..	1,011.

Details of inspections made.

Houses:

General sanitary conditions and housing defects..	370.
re notifiable diseases and disinfection.. ..	101.
Rooms disinfected..	115.
Overcrowding	15.
Overcrowding cases abated.	9.
Verminous or suspected	23.
Eradication of bugs: No. of houses disinfected .. (Council: 4. Others: 12.)	16.
Other infestations: Ants, beetles, cockroaches, mosquitoes, wasps'nests etc..	38.
Dirty conditions	31.
Houses cleansed	25.
Bungalows for aged persons	78.

Public Health (Meat) Regulations.

Slaughterhouses	187.	
Meat inspections	871.	
Meat, and other foodstuffs Inspection: (Military Units)	25.	Defects
Other Foodstuffs	89.	remedied
Meat shops, stalls, stores and vehicles	74.	
Premises where food is prepared, inc. bakehouses ..	69.	39.
Fried Fish Shops	22.	
Fish shops and stalls	32.	
General provision, fruit shops and stores.. ..	69.	

Inspection of Pigs, Sheep etc., killed for home consumption.

Number inspected - Pigs	705.
- Goats..	1.
Part carcases and organs condemned. ..	4 Cwts. 2 Qrs.

Inspection of Horses killed for human consumption etc.

Number inspected	149.
Part carcases and organs condemned. ..	10 Cwts. 3 Qrs.

Surrender of Unsound Foodstuffs.

Beef	590 lbs.	Meat Pies	480
Corned beef	1½ "	Fish cakes	18 doz.
Ham	65½ "	Fish & Meat Pastes	14 jars.
Sausages	61½ "	Gravy Browning	1 "
Liver	83 "	Tripe	2 sets.
Fish	1,970½ "	Eggs	80
Bacon	187½ "	Pickles	4 bottle
Oatmeal	1,752 "	Horlicks	1 "
Rolled Oats	700 "	Sauces	6 "
Prunes	25 "	Vinegar	4 "
Raisins	120 "	Creamola	2 pkts.
Fresh Vegetables	4,494 "	Wheat Flakes	2 "
Cheese	48 "	Tinned Milk	712 tins.
Butter	9 "	" Vegetables	57 "
Margarine	2¾ "	" Fish	182 "
Lard	2 "	" Meat	186 "
Sugar	1 "	" Prepared Meals	25 "
Jam	224½ "	" Soups	17 "
Yeast Food	224 "	" Beans	55 "
Marmite Cubes	11,063	" Fruits	113 "
Torro Cubes	82	" Tomatoes	1 "
Sweets	704 bars.		
Cakes	1 roll.		

Other Inspections or visits.

Common Lodging Houses	9.
Shops Acts	5.
Cowsheds	156.
Dairies	136.
Samples of milk	130.
Markets	32.
Offensive trades	10.
Vans	16.
Premises infested with rats or mice	1,117.
Cinemas and Assembly Halls	19.
Schools	23.
Factories	117.
Keeping of pigs, poultry, rabbits, dogs etc.	110.
Drains inspected	144.
Drains smoke tested	41.
Pollution of streams, cesspools, septic tanks etc.	46.
Smoke abatement	3.
Salvage	725.

Service Units.

Billets..	12.
Cookhouses	5.
Miscellaneous	16.
N.A.A.F.I.	12.

Other Services.

Evacuation, Hostels etc..	11.
Air Raid Shelters etc.	51.
Wardens Posts	17.

Description of works carried out.

New drains constructed	35.
Drains reconstructed	19.
Drains cleansed or repaired	96.
Drains ventilated.	5.
New inspection chambers provided.	7.
Inspection chambers repaired	9.
New sinks and washbasins provided	7.
Waste pipes renewed or repaired..	18.
Additional gully traps provided..	7.
Soil pipes repaired	6.
Roofs repaired	33.
Chimneys repaired	15.
Floors repaired	17.
Windows repaired	14.
Ceilings repaired	10.
Dampness remedied	19.
Fireplaces repaired	16.
Water supplies improved or repaired	15.
Yards and passages repaired or repaved	27.
Fallspouts and Eavesgutters repaired	24.
Washing accommodation improved	8.
Samples of well water submitted for analysis	1.
Cesspools or Septic Tanks constructed or repaired	0.
Miscellaneous	74.
New water closets provided	21.
Water closets constructed	7.
Water closets repaired or cleansed	48.
Pail closets receptacles provided or renewed	3.
Urinals repaired	2.
Dustbins renewed	45.
Additional dustbins provided	8.

Public Cleansing Service.

Dustbins emptied..	296,191.
Dry Ashpits Emptied	59.
Wet Ashpits emptied	140.
Pail Closets emptied	4,587.
Cesspools emptied	188.
Total:	301,165.

Loads of dry and wet refuse and Salvage removed.	4,067.
Loads of cesspool liquid removed	419.
	4,486.

The total quantity of refuse and salvage collected (including 1,764 tons 15 cwts. of cesspool liquid and wet refuse) for the year ended 31st March, 1944 was 10,545 tons 12 cwts.

Cleansing Costs. - 1943/4.

Gross expenditure (including loan charges, salvage operations and contribution of £202. 16. 0d. to "Holidays at Home" Week)				8911. 2. 5
Income				
Rents:- Houses	69.	8.	0.	
Allotments etc.	34.	12.	3.	
Tip..	20.	0.	0.	
Insurance claims	13.	19.	7.	
Carriage charges (waste paper) recovered..	281.	11.	5.	
Sale of vehicle	15.	0.	0.	

Salvage:	T.	C.	lbs.				
Mixed Paper.	223.	3.	42.	1422.	14.	10.	
Selected paper.	24.	16.	98.	196.	1.	11.	
Flattened tins.	201.	8.	-	285.	15.	9.	
Ferrous metals.	41.	14.	28.	65.	14.	6.	
Non-Ferrous metals.	1.	10.	40.	38.	10.	9.	
Textiles.	19.	17.	56.	152.	11.	0.	
Rubber.	3.	16.	62.	11.	2.	4.	
Bottles & Jars.	8.	7.	-	47.	18.	10.	
Broken glass.	15.	19.	-	27.	18.	3.	
Waste bones.	7.	12.	42.	36.	1.	9.	
Kitchen waste.	113.	10.	36.	170.	0.	7.	
Miscellaneous.	3.	4.	3.	2.	18.	5.	
				2892.	0.	2.	2892. 0. 3

Nett Cost: £6019. 2. 3

Rat and Mouse Destruction.

Infestation Order, 1943.

In 1942, the functions of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Rats and Mice Destruction Acts were transferred to the Ministry of Food.

In view of the importance of preserving foodstuffs, and the prevention of disease, both vital matters in which rats could be a serious menace, Mr. G. Cooley, who had for many years been engaged periodically, was appointed full-time rat catcher, in September, 1942.

This appointment has greatly simplified the carrying out of the requirements of the Infestation Order, dated 6th May, 1943, and, although there have been no major infestations in the Borough, your rat-catcher's activities have resulted in the destruction of 2,819 rats and 801 mice.